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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: VISIT OF ELECTRIC
MACHINERY WORKERS' PRESIDENT TATEYAMA TO WASHINGTON

1. PRESIDENT OF JAPANESE FEDERATION OF ELECTRIC MACHINERY
WORKERS (DENKI ROREN) TOSHIFUMI TATEYAMA INFORMED EMBOFFS
APRIL 21 QH HE PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 4-9 IN HOPES
OF DISCUSSING WITH US UNION OFFICERS AND USG OFFICIALS ITC
RECOMMENDATION ON JAPANESE COLOR TV EXPORTS AS WELL AS CURRENT
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH QUANTITATIVE
RESTRICTIONS. TATEYAMA SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IUE) INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
GEORGE COLLINS IS AWARE OF TRIP AND HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS WITH IUE, IBEW AND MACHINISTS (IAM) OFFICERS.
TATEYAMA SAID HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSIST-
ANCE IN OBTAINING INTERPRETER WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND
IN ARRANGING FOR HIM TO MEET OFFICIALS AT STATE, COMMERCE,
LABOR AND OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.
TATEYAMA NOT REPAT NOT INTERESTED IN APPOINTMENT AT
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION. TATEYAMA ALSO HOPED
THAT IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF CHURITSU ROREN,
JAPAN'S THIRD LARGEST LABOR CONFEDERATION WITH 1.4
MILLION MEMBERSHIP, HE COULD MEET, EVEN IF ONLY
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BRIEFLY, WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY.

2. TATEYAMA SAID WH DENKI ROREN, UNLIKE JAPANESE
MANUFACTURERS, UNDERSTANDS THAT JAPANESE TV EXPORTS
HAVE COST SOME AMERICAN WORKERS THEIR JOBS AND THERE-
FOR RECOGNIZES NEED FOR SOME RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS TO
US AT THIS TIME. TATEYAMA ADMITTED THAT JAPANESE TV

MANUFACTURERS "HAVE NOT BEHAVED CORRECTLY." PURPOSE OF TATEYAMA'S TRIP IS TO URGE US SIDE NOT TO PRESS FOR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS SO SEVERE THAT THEY IN TURN RESULT IN JAPANESE WORKERS LOSING THEIR JOBS. TATEYAMA ALSO WISYS TO OBTAIN FROM US UNIONS AND USG OFFICIALS FACTS AND FIGURES DOCUMENTING LOSS OF JOBS IN US ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY SO AS TO CONVINCE DENKI ROREN RANK AND FILE WH RESTRAINTS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. IN ADDITION, TATEYAMA HHOPES TO DISCUSS OVERALL US-JAPAN BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP AND TO EXPLAIN THAT JAPANESE PRIVATE SECTOR UNIONS NOW ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF "FAIR TRADE."

3. TATEYAMA IS SOPHISTICATED AND RESPECTED LABOR LEADER NOT GIVEN TO PUBLICITY STUNTS. WE BELIEVE TRIP IS SERIOUS ONE AND RECOMMEND ASSIGNMENT OF INTERPRETER TO HIM. WE ALSO SUGGEST APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM, TO EXTENT HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, WITH OFFICE OF TRADE DIRECTOR BARRACULOUGH AT STATE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE POLICY ABBUHL AT COMMEFE, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS HOWARD SAMUEL AT LABOR AND HEIMLICH IN OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. WE SUGGEST THAT APPOINTMENTS BE COORDINATED WITH GEORGE COLLINS.

4. TATEYAMA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DENKI ROREN CENTFAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER MASARU FUJINO. THEY WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON MAY 4, 1930 VIA NW-78 AND STAY CAPITOL HILTON.
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